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Monday A.M.

My dear Mr Watson:

Oh no! it is not quite so bad as my letter seems to have led you to infer. I feel overburdened with duties not at all irksome in themselves but absorbing pretty much all the energy of mind and body that I possess — which isn't saying much. Perhaps when I wrote I felt a little impatience at the thought of doing under pressure what I would so much more enjoy doing under other circumstances. But I believe now that I exaggerated what

was before me between now and
Jan 1st - It all looked like
an unsurmountable heap - but
when I came to catalogue it
the actual work be done proved
very considerably - This week energy-
fully put in will make a big
hole in the pile.

And now if you will send
me - right away - the area you
propose to cover I will be ready
to begin as soon as I get your
letter - Of course there will be
interruptions but I hope "will
begin" will be "half done" -

I fear, when he first proposed
my doing the Willows for a
new ed of the manual proposed
to include the states east of the
Miss - or west of the 100 meridian

from the Gulf to the St Lawrence
and "essentially Canada". I have
an impression now - I do not know
whence derived that you and
Mr Carter propose to simply extend
the western boundary so as to
commence with Carter's flora - leaving
the northern and southern limits
as at present defined. Canada -
even Lower Canada - would bring
in quite a large number of
species which are not found
in the eastern states at all -
such as *S. vestita* - *S. reliculata*
S. arctica - *S. glauca* - *S. desertorum* -
I have been thinking - without
actually writing out anything -
how our species could be
grouped - and I believe that I
can see the way clear to

an improvement at least in the
present arrangement.

Please remember me to
Mrs Gray and express my
thanks for the copy of a
list of the writings of Dr Gray

Sincerely yours
W. L. G. L.